

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
HELD WEDNESDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1986, AT 7:00 P.M.
IN THE OASIS LOUNGE, CAMPUS CENTRE, LOYOLA CAMPUS

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AT THIS MEETING:

BD-56-01: Current Version of Cusacorp By-law Regarding Composition
of Board of Directors
BD-56-01-2: Original Version

1.1 Roll Call:

PRESENT:

Co-Presidents:

Karen Takacs
Scott White

Commerce:

Karen Ashton
Andrew Bayouk
Scott Bergen (7:20)
Tony Ghannamy
Aris Kekedjian

Engineering:

Dan Artola (7:30)
Patrick Douek
Louis Hotte
Jon Jolivet (8 45)

Arts and Science:

Maria Calderone
Glen Cheverie
Joe Fortune (8:10)
Mike Foster (8:05)
Jim Locke
Linda Piovesan
Bettina Rosenberg (7:35)

Fine Arts:

Ian Fleet
Keren Penney

ABSENT:

Arts and Science: Emma Tibaldo (W/R), Scott Townsend
Commerce: Lyse Edery
Fine Arts: Francois Gurik

Advisors to the Board Present: Alex Ciocilteu, Chairperson, Judicial Board; Cherine Hamam, Programming V.P.; Susan Hunt, Student Life V.P.; Brent Jones, Services V.P.; Scott Robertson, Education V.P.

1.2 Call to Order:

Chairperson John Moore called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

2 Approval of Agenda:

Scott White requested that Item 8.6 be dealt with as soon as possible because the two candidates were present but had to leave by 8.00 p.m. Keren Penney requested that Item 8.8 be withdrawn. Scott White requested that the ANEQ Debate be removed from the Agenda and replaced with the CUSA Budget as Item 7.1. Karen Takacs explained that this would give the new Board members an opportunity to learn about the issues involved with ANEQ and CUSA's membership therein.

MOVE to approve the Agenda with these amendments.

Moved by: Maria Calderone
Seconded by: Louis Hotte

There were no objections to this Motion.

3.1 Approval of the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Board:

MOVE to approve the Minutes of the 53rd Meeting of the Board of Directors as written

Moved by Tony Ghannamy
Seconded by Linda Piovesan

There were no objections to this Motion.

4.1 Chairperson's Remarks:

Chairperson John Moore introduced his new system for the Agenda, stating that it provided a more informative format than the old style.

4.2 Reading of the Directors' Attendance Record:

Chairperson John Moore received several objections to his proposed reading of the Directors Attendance Record. A compromise was reached whereby he would read the names of those Directors who had attended three or less meetings to date without advising the Board of their absence. These were: Dan Artola, Joe Fortune and Scott Townsend.

8 New Business:

8.6 Senate Appointments:

Education V.P. Scott Robertson introduced the two candidates for Senate recommended by the Hiring and Appointments Committee Karen Williston and Grant Smith.

Candidate: Grant Smith:

Grant Smith stated that he is a V.P. of CASA and the Caucus Leader of the Commerce Faculty Council. Maria Calderone asked if he as familiar with Senate and the importance of the position, and he replied in the affirmative.

Candidate: Karen Williston:

Karen Williston introduced herself as a third-year Commerce student. She stated that this is the first time she will be involved at the university level however she had been active on her CEGEP student council. She stated that she realizes the amount of committee work involved with Senate and is able to devote the time necessary to do a good job. Glen Cheverie asked if she would become involved with CUSA to which she responded that she would not.

Both candidates left the room. Jim Locke asked Scott Robertson to comment on their participation at the last Senate meeting and Scott Robertson stated that they both were very good. Glen Cheverie questioned whether Karen Williston would be representative of students if she is not involved with CUSA. Scott Robertson responded that she has agreed to vote with caucus or abstain from voting. Karen Takacs reminded the Board that these candidates have gone before the Hiring and Appointments Committee, and that CUSA and the Senate are two very different worlds and it is not important for a Senator to be involved in CUSA.

MOTION 349:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the
appointment of Karen Williston to Senate for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by Scott Bergen

VOTE ON MOTION 349:

14/0/3 Carried

MOTION 350:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the
appointment of Grant Smith to Senate for 1986-87.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Bettina Rosenberg

VOTE ON MOTION 350:

15/0/2 Carried

5 Reports:

5.1 Co-Presidents' Report:

Karen Takacs welcomed the newly acclaimed Directors. She commented briefly on the results of the general assemblies held earlier in the day and urged Directors to become involved in the Day of Action/Class Boycott to be held November 4th. There will be more details given under "New Business".

Scott White reported that CUSA had been mistakenly given \$120,000 by the University Treasury last year. Unfortunately, this money has been spent and the Treasury wants to be repaid. This means the deficit for this year will increase by \$120,000. He added that the draft of the audited financial statements had been completed and according to these figures the deficit will be around \$285,000.

Regarding legal items, Scott White reported that the Bob Bruce case which dates back to 1980 was to be heard in November but has been postponed until February 1987. The history of this case is that Bob Bruce was the comptroller for CUSA in 1979-80 when it was discovered that money was missing from the account. The auditors were called in, and he was subsequently found with \$9,000-\$14,000. He was arrested, tried and convicted (i.e. CUSA won the case). However, he appealed the decision in 1983 on the grounds that he was not mentally fit to stand trial in 1980.

5.2 Executive Reports:

Education V.P. Scott Robertson distributed a report. He stated that there are on-going discussions at the Senate committee level to make it mandatory for students to do the University Writing Test in their first semester, and if they fail the test they will be required to take an English course. There are no objections to having the students take the test in the first semester, however there is some concern over requiring students to take English courses if they fail the test and it is felt that if the University wants to force English courses on students, this should be a stipulated requirement. Linda Piovesan asked why the system should be changed, and Scott Robertson responded that it would save money and would increase the enrollment for English courses. Regarding Dr. Kwok Chan, Scott Robertson reported that his hearing began on October 9th and the next date has been set in November. Scott Robertson will be called as a witness as a CUSA representative at that time. He will keep the Board posted on developments.

Jim Locke stated that he had resigned from FinCom and had been replaced by Effie Panousos but Effie Panousos has not been approved by the Board to sit on FinCom.

MOTION 351:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the
appointment of Effie Panousos to the Finance Committee.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by Linda Piovesan

VOTE ON MOTION 351.

15/0/2 Carried

6 Question Period:

Linda Piovesan asked what the status of the Cusacorp Subcommittee Report was. Jim Locke responded that the Subcommittee was composed of himself, Ian Fleet, Tony Ghannamy, Emma Tibaldo, Bettina Rosenberg and Finance V.P. Craig McNamee. He added that the Finance V.P. has not called a meeting because he is involved with other aspects of finances. Linda Piovesan asked if something could not be started without him and Scott White stated that the Subcommittee does not have to rely on the Finance V.P. for this particular matter. Linda Piovesan and Glen Cheverie stated that they would like to join the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will present its mandate to the Board in the near future.

Dan Artola asked what the status of the Small Claims Court case on the Academic Materials Fee was. Bettina Rosenberg responded that the claim has

been filed in court and that she is awaiting the court date.

(8:00)

Linda Piovesan stated that she had heard that one of the candidates in the by-elections wished to drop out of the election because of a lack of details about campaigning procedures. Linda Piovesan stated that she wished to use Question Period to express her concern. Alex Ciocilteu, Chairperson of Judicial Board, explained that not all the candidates showed up at the "all candidates meeting". Jeanette Chayer, who was attending the meeting as an observer, stated that she was the person in question but she did not feel that this was the right place to resolve the issue. Karen Takacs stated that there have been problems due to staff turnover at Judicial Board and that CUSA has been trying to help as much as possible but still has to maintain its distance.

Glen Cheverie asked about the status of the Engineering and Computer Science Students' Association. Scott White responded that there has not been a meeting with ECA for a long time. CUSA had to send a bill to ECA, and Dan Artola stated that ECA received it a week ago. Karen Takacs apologized for the delay because she intended to put energy into it but personally has not been able to find the time.

Ian Fleet asked about the "private study fee" that music students are assessed. He mentioned that he raised this question at a previous Board meeting. Scott White stated that Education V.P. Scott Robertson would investigate this matter.

Glen Cheverie asked when the financial reports for last year will be available. Scott White responded that the drafts were finished and that the statements would probably be ready for the next Board meeting.

Cherine Hamam asked when the Winter Carnival Chairperson would be appointed. Scott White responded that hopefully this appointment would be made next week.

(8:15)

7 Unfinished Business:

7.1 CUSA Budget:

MOTION 352

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors approves
the CUSA Budget 1986-87.

Moved by: Linda Piovesan
Seconded by Glen Cheverie

Discussion

Linda Piovesan stated that the Directors have had the documents for a long time and that this Item has been tabled often. It was argued that the new Directors had not had a chance to look at the proposal. Scott White stated that he would come up with a new document for the next meeting.

Linda Piovesan and Glen Cheverie withdrew the Motion.

8 New Business:

8.1 Discussion of the Mandate of the General Assemblies of Oct. 22, 1986:

Chairperson John Moore reported that he had chaired both assemblies. There was quorum and all motions were adopted. The motions are as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Concordia students call upon the Quebec government to maintain its policy of a freeze on tuition fees.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Concordia students call upon the Quebec government to raise the per student funding level of Quebec universities to at least the same level as that of Ontario universities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Concordia students call upon the Quebec government to negotiate a reform of the Quebec financial aid system with student representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these negotiations be based on the reform proposals endorsed by the "Extraordinary meeting of the student movement" held in Ste-Therese, October 4 5, 1986.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Concordia students support the demand of CEGEP students to maintain a tuition-free CEGEP system.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, failing government acceptance of the preceding propositions, Concordia students, acting in solidarity with student associations at other universities, boycott their classes on Tuesday, November 4, as a means of protesting government indifference to student concerns regarding the quality and accessibility of higher education in Quebec.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CUSA organize actions for this day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CUSA participate in the march organized by a coalition of university student associations on November 17.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CUSA urge other sectors in the university to lend their support to CUSA's actions.

Dan Artola asked what the November 17th march would entail, and was told that it would be held in Montreal by a coalition of student associations and would be a media event.

Keren Penney asked for an explanation of the sense of the word "urge" in the final resolution. Karen Takacs responded that it was used in the context of the example set by the Presidents of the University of Toronto, York University and Ryerson Polytechnic who closed their institutions and took their students to Queen's Park in Toronto to protest. She added that she would like to see the Rector and faculty do something similar.

MOTION 352:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors adopts and supports the mandate of the general assemblies held October 22, 1986.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by Jim Locke

VOTE ON MOTION 352:

14/1/1 Carried

MOTION 353:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Presidents of the CUSA-member student associations be contacted and requested to urge their constituents to support the boycott on November 4th.

Moved by: Keren Penney
Seconded by Bettina Rosenberg

VOTE ON MOTION 353:

15/0/1 Carried

Karen Takacs announced that an organizing meeting will be held on Friday at noon in H-637 and requested Directors who had any time, ideas and/or organizing capabilities to show up. Jim Locke stated that the Liaison Committee would help to contact the Presidents of the student associations.

8.2 Amendments to Cusacorp By-Laws:

The Directors were referred to Documents BD-56 01 and BD 56 01 2. the current version and the original version of the by-law regarding the composition of the Board of Directors.

MOTION 354:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 2(a) of the Cusacorp By-laws be amended to read as follows:

"The Board shall consist of seven Directors including, if possible, at least one from each faculty. Four shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the board."

Moved by: Tony Ghannamy
Seconded by: Jim Locke

Discussion:

Scott White stated that at present, CUSA Directors are not eligible to sit on the Cusacorp Board but this Motion would open up the Cusacorp Board and would take effect immediately. Jim Locke asked if Cusacorp was entitled to a say in this matter and Scott White responded in the negative.

VOTE ON MOTION 354:

13/1/2 Carried

8.9 Ratification of Judicial Board Appointment:

Candidate: Aviva Prussick:

Aviva Prussick stated that she was a second-year Political Science student, she is aware of the duties and responsibilities of the position and feels that she can do the job. Glen Cheverie asked who interviewed her for the

position, and was told Frank Benson, Alexander Ciocilteu and Graham Wall. Karen Takacs asked if she was involved with anything that could be a potential conflict of interest, and Aviva Prussick stated that she was not.

MOTION 355:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors ratifies the appointment of Aviva Prussick to Judicial Board.

Moved by: Scott Bergen
Seconded by: Jim Locke

VOTE ON MOTION 355:

13/0/3 Carried

8.3 Club Ratification: Chemistry Students' Association:

MOTION 356:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chemistry Students' Association be recognized as the official CUSA representative body within the Chemistry Department of Concordia.

Moved by: Linda Piovesan
Seconded by: Jim Locke

Discussion

Jim Locke stated that the Chemistry students did not have a club last year but wished to re-activate the association at this time. Elections have been held for the President and Vice President, and these students will take over these positions pending ratification. Glen Cheverie advised the Directors that this is an academic student association. Keren Penney asked whether this association had submitted a budget and whether there was room for it within CUSA's budget, and Scott White responded in the affirmative.

VOTE ON MOTION 356

13/0/1 Carried

8.4 Ratification of External Vice-President:

MOTION 357:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Robert Johnston be appointed as External V.P.

Moved by: Scott White
Seconded by: Karen Takacs

Discussion

Robert Johnston introduced himself to the Board stating that he had been nominated to the position three weeks ago and felt that he was "getting the hang of the job". He stated that he has a good understanding of student politics based on his experience as President of the student council at Vanier CEGEP, and feels that he is qualified for the job. Tony Ghannamy asked if he were bilingual, and Robert Johnston responded that he was. Linda Piovesan commented that much has happened in the three weeks since

his nomination, including meetings with FAECUM and the ANEQ conference, etc.. and asked him what he had done. Robjert Johnston stated that he attended the ANEQ conference. Bettina Rosenberg stated that she had served on the Hiring and Appointments Committee for this position and had called for references at Vanier CEGEP. She was told that Robert Johnston would be "good at organizing social events" and reported that the referee was surprised at Robert Johnston's interest in the External portfolio. Robert Johnston stated that he is interested in politics and has the time to handle it. Bettina Rosenberg produced articles from the Vanier press dating from the time that he was President, and Robert Johnston defended himself stating that in one case he was "over zealous" in admitting people to a bash, and the other case concerned an "April Fool's Joke" where he knew what was happening but was not directly involved. Tony Ghannamy asked what his position on ANEQ would be, and Robert Johnston responded that CUSA should do something in ANEQ and that it is not a good time to pull out but this should be reviewed at a later date. Jim Locke asked what course of studies he was following, and Robert Johnston responded that he was in his second year of Political Science.

(9:00)

MOVE to go in camera.

Moved by: Bettina Rosenberg
Seconded by: Scott Bergen

VOTE: 17/0/3 Carried

VOTE ON MOTION 357: DEFEATED IN CLOSED SESSION.

MOTION 358:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT an External Committee be struck to assume the duties of the External V.P. as an interim measure.

VOTE ON MOTION 358: PASSED IN CLOSED SESSION.

(9:30)

Chairperson John Moore returned the meeting to open session.

8.5 Ratification of Co-Communications Vice-Presidents:

MOTION 359:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Daniel Cross and Paul Zaleski be appointed as Co-Communications Vice-Presidents.

Moved by: Karen Takacs
Seconded by: Scott White

Discussion

Daniel Cross stated that he is a mature student in his first year in Cinema, and has been in the job for 10 days. Paul Zaleski stated that he is a third-year Journalism student and will be returning next year as well. He supports CUSA's views on quality education and accessibility. He added

that he as work experience in communications. Together with Daniel Cross, the top priority will be to improve internal communications. Bettina Rosenberg, on behalf of the Hiring and Appointments Committee, stated that the compatibility between these two candidates was a major factor in their being nominated for this position.

VOTE ON MOTION 359:

15/0/2 Carried

(9:45)

8.7 Coors Boycott:

MOTION 360:

WHEREAS Adolph Coors Brewing Co. of Golden, Colorado is a wholly family controlled corporation; and

WHEREAS the Coors family and officialdom constitutes one of the most powerful economic and political dynasties in the United States; and

WHEREAS the Coors dynasty has played a central role in the establishing and bank-rolling of such influential Ultra-Right Wing organizations as The Heritage Foundation and the Committee for Survival of a Free Congress; and

WHEREAS thousands of dollars of Coors money has gone to such explicitly anti-gay organizations as The Eagle Forum, The Moral Majority, and The John Birch Society; and

WHEREAS Coors has a long and documented history of anti-union, anti-womyn, racist, anti-gay prejudice; and

WHEREAS Coors Company continues to subject their employees to lie detector tests (as of last month), forced search and seizures, mandatory drug-testing, and other offences against civil liberties; and

WHEREAS the Coors Company is presently attempting to end the Coors Boycott through a multi-million dollar public relations campaign and attempts at buying off the leadership of minority communities,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors joins gay, feminist, consumer, environmental, racial minority and labour organizations throughout the U.S. and Canada in affirming a continuation of the Coors Beer Boycott,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Directors opposes the intrusion of Coors advertising in Concordia's respective medias under the jurisdiction of CUSA an Coors-related "sponsorship" of CUSA events; that the Coors label no longer to be sold at events and/or through areas under CUSA's control; that CUSA undertake to educate the student body at large should a Coors Boycott be invoked on the

respective issues involved and that CUSA encourage Concordia's student population to buy other Molson's products in favour of the Coors label, so as to make clear the distinction between our own brewery and that of the Coors Company.

Moved by: Jim Locke
Seconded by: Linda Piovesan

Discussion

Chairperson John Moore gave the floor to Thomas Burnside who gave a well documented presentation on the reasons to boycott the Coors label because the Coors Company in the U.S. practices a policy of discrimination in hiring based on race, religion, political viewpoint and sexual orientation; and the company uses lie detectors and searches personal property to investigate the personal lives of its workers and to maintain its discriminatory practices; and the Coors family are founders and continuing financial supporters of ultra-right wing organizations.

(10:15)

Chairperson John Moore gave the floor to Barry Joslin, Vice-President of Public Affairs for Molson's. He stated that Molson's, in 1984, had come to the conclusion that the Coors Company had standards with which Molson's was satisfied. He added that the Coors Company in 1984 was not the same company as in the mid-70's--and that the company had been making efforts to mend its ways with minorities. Barry Joslin cautioned the Board that boycotts should not be entered into lightly because they have the power to be effective and serious tools of economic sanctions. He was of the opinion that if the Board endorses this boycott the Board will be trivializing boycotts as a tool. However, he did state that it was not that gay issues are not important but the Coors Company behaviour has changed significantly over the past few years.

(10:30)

Scott White asked whether a boycott of Coors would affect CUSA's future dealings with Molson's. Barry Joslin responded that he hoped it would have no effect at all. The discussion continued and touched on the various points: the individual rights of students, whether the Board has the right to make such decisions for the students, the extent of the Board's mandate in representing students.

MOVE to go in camera.

Moved by: Bettina Rosenberg
Seconded by: Jim Locke

VOTE:

DEFEATED

Keren Penney requested a secret ballot.

VOTE ON MOTION 360 (SECRET BALLOT):

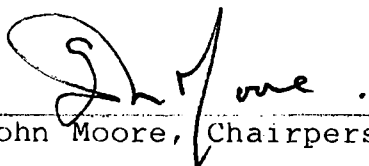
7/12/0 Defeated

9 Date of Next Meeting:

Chairperson John Moore announced that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 5th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sir George Williams Campus. Karen Takacs stated that two important issues would be on the Agenda for that meeting: the ANEQ debate and the CUSA budget.

10 Adjournment:

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.



John Moore, Chairperson



Jo Howard, Recording Secretary